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### UM OFFERS DISTANCE-EDUCATION PROGRAM IN WILDERNESS MANAGEMENT MISSOULA --

Interested citizens throughout the region can study wilderness management at their own pace and in their own place through The University of Montana—Missoula's Wilderness Management Distance Education Program.

The program's correspondence courses offer a self-paced, comprehensive study of wilderness management issues without the traditional boundaries of time and location. The program, offered for undergraduate academic credit, is sponsored by the interagency Arthur Carhart National Wilderness Training Center and UM's School of Forestry and Center for Continuing Education.

Since 1964 the National Wilderness Preservation System has grown from approximately nine million acres to more than 100 million acres. With that growth has come an increased recognition of the challenges involved in managing these wildlands.

Wilderness Management Distance Education is designed to help land managers, planners, educators and others meet these challenges through six courses: Wilderness Philosophy and Ethic Development; National Wilderness Preservation System and Related Areas; Management of the Wilderness Resource; Management of Recreation Resources; Wilderness Management Planning; and Wilderness Management Skills and Projections.

Students can begin the distance education courses at any time and have six months to

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complete each course. The courses follow the same curriculum approval process and contain the same information as courses delivered in a campus classroom. UM is fully accredited by the Northwest Association of Schools and Colleges.

Registration information is available from UM's Center for Continuing Education at (406) 243-4623, fax (406) 243-2047. For program information contact Ralph Swain at the Arthur Carhart National Wilderness Training Center at (406) 626-5208, fax (406) 626-5395.

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